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## MILITIA NOT TO GO TO THE FRONT

### Cabinet in Session Today Decides That There Is No Present Need for Either State Troops or Volunteers

Washington, Mar. 24.—State militia will not be mobilized on the Mexican border at present.

In the light of reports from consuls in Mexico and army men with the punitive expedition, President Wilson and his cabinet, at a conference today, decided there was no need for either volunteers or militia. The whole question was considered in detail.

Congressmen from the border states, however, are impressed with the need of additional troops there. It is possible that more regulars may be rushed to the line, although Secretary of War Baker would not say so. He declared merely that he had not yet given such orders.

The administration believes that if militia were to be mobilized on the border now, Carranza would be embarrassed, and would have difficulty convincing Mexicans that the United States did not intend to shortly launch a campaign against all Mexico.

As far as actual conditions are concerned, much optimism was voiced after the cabinet meeting. One member said that in view of the official report received by the cabinet, it was evident that a vast amount of misinformation regarding true conditions had been sent out.

### SOLDIER AT DOUGLAS DISAPPEARED SUNDAY

Douglas, Ariz., Mar. 24.—Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant John Arnold, 6th U. S. Field artillery, mysteriously disappeared Sunday. It was learned today Arnold was 53 years of age and was to have been retired April 1 on two-thirds pay after 20 years of honorable service. His family lives at Fort Riley, Kansas. Poul play is feared.

### NO HERRERA REVOLT AGAINST CARRANZA

Washington, Mar. 24.—General Luis Herrera is still military commander of Chihuahua City. He is not heading a revolt against Carranza, according to state department advices from Consul Letcher today.

## WIRELESS FAILS ARMY IN MEXICO

San Antonio, Mar. 24.—Army headquarters announced today that the wireless between Columbus and the American forces in Mexico would be abandoned. Two messages from General Pershing to General Funston arrived so badly garbled that repetition was demanded. The messages were thought to contain important information about the hunt for Francisco Villa.

It was stated that a line of insulated wire from Casas Grandes to Columbus would be working shortly and that it would supersede the wireless.

Meanwhile, Company I of the Signal corps, was ordered from El Paso to Columbus to remedy the radio difficulty if possible. The only intelligible message received said that high winds were keeping the military aeroplanes in camp.

## NO FIGHTING IN MEXICO SINCE MONDAY BATTLE

El Paso, Mar. 24.—Since the reported skirmish at Namiquipa last Monday, there has been no fighting in Mexico, according to the declaration today of S. G. Cervantes, collector of customs at Juarez.

Cervantes also said that no duties would be charged on provisions for the American expedition transported through Juarez in case the Mexico Northwestern railway is used, unless he was given specific orders.

J. C. Robertson and other Americans arriving from Casas Grandes confirmed the story that General Pershing had obtained permission to use the Mexico Northwestern line for military purposes south of Casas Grandes.

Pershing sent two troop trains toward Aguaje, Chihuahua, to cut off Villa's flight to the southward. It is believed these troops are now south of Namiquipa.

Passengers had heard nothing concerning Villa's whereabouts up to the time they left Casas Grandes yesterday.

Headquarters of the expeditionary force at Dublin received a report that Villa was murdering Mexicans, the arrivals asserted. They also said that Carranzistas at Casas Grandes made no effort to catch Villa when he passed within half a mile of the city in his retreat from Columbus.

The constitutionalist garrison there has not joined in the pursuit. The travelers said they believed almost all of Pershing's troops were advancing southward by train. Mormons at Casas Grandes do not know to what point the advancing cavalry under Colonel Dodd has progressed.

## CARRANZA'S ARMY NOT A BRAVE LOT

Douglas, Ariz., Mar. 24.—"Why haven't the Carranza forces captured Villa?"

This question, which has been repeated all over the United States, today was asked a former Villa leader at the time when the now hunted bandit was the chief figure in Mexico.

This Villista, living incognito here in Douglas, as are hundreds of others, pointed across the international line, a mile away, and said:

"Go there. Ask to be shown the soldiers of the de facto government, and you will see the answer. They're afraid."

In Agua Prieta, across the line, 300 Carranza troops were drilling. Their colonel, a large man in white duck suit, was the only individual of the assemblage who from appearances might be ranked as a soldier. One of the officers, a captain, wore gold braid, while the remainder of his "staff" was indistinguishable from the "column."

The troops, mostly Mayo Indians, in the faded gray-green uniforms provided them, the picture of poverty, looked afraid. The worldly wealth of these soldiers is the bandolier of bullets which girdles their waists or crosses their breasts. Three-fourths of the countenances which faced about at the command "front" were pitted with the marks of smallpox, while the teeth and eyes and limbs of the soldiers showed the blight of other diseases which have ravaged Mexico since the Madero revolution, five years ago.

Few wore anything more than trousers and jumpers. Most are barefooted and wear primitive sandals. Lately many of the sandals have been made from discarded automobile tires.

"Why do you fight?" was asked. "Acomer," (to eat), was the reply of all.

Lou Sargent left this morning for Roseburg.

## CZAR USING METHODS OF THE KAISER

### Russians Employ Poison Gas Bombs and Liquid Fire Against Germans on Eastern Front With Success

Petrograd, Mar. 24.—Poison gas bombs and liquid fire, the Germans own weapons, are being used by the Russians against Germans holding the salient near Jacobstadt, messages from the front said today.

Savage fighting was reported at this point, which is eighty miles southeast of Riga. Simultaneously with their gas bomb and liquid fire attacks on German trenches there, the Russians are violently attacking Friedricstadt and Illust.

General Kuropatkin's aim is apparently to squeeze out Field Marshal von Hindenburg's troops by threatening to envelop them, thus forcing a retreat on the German line from Riga to Dyvinsk, a front of 140 miles. Success there would remove the German threat against Riga and Dyvinsk and handicap any offensive von Hindenburg may undertake later.

According to the best information, this smash is not the beginning of a great Russian offensive. South of Dyvinsk the Germans are making counter-moves and have halted the Slavs. General Ivanoff is not meeting serious resistance in clearing Austrian troops from the north bank of the Dniester.

### CARRANZA GETTING AMMUNITION IN U. S.

Los Angeles, Mar. 24.—Ninety thousand rounds of ammunition passed through here today en route to Laredo, Texas, where the consignment will be turned over to de facto government officials. According to a statement issued at the local Carranzista consulate, the ammunition was purchased at a transaction in Los Angeles from a San Francisco munitions concern.

The ammunition will arrive at Laredo Sunday.

More ammunition may be ordered from this concern, it was admitted.

## STILL LOYAL SAYS GOVERNOR CALLES

Douglas, Ariz., Mar. 24.—Governor Calles of Sonora today received a message from General Luis Herrera at Chihuahua City, branding as false the reports that he had revolted to Villa.

"I am loyal to our first chief, Carranza," the message said, "and will fight Villa to the end."

General Gutierrez and Civil Governor Enriquez also sent messages to Calles denying Herrera's disaffection.

More ammunition for the Carranzistas at Agua Prieta arrived here today. Citizens and merchants have announced their intention of protesting to Washington against its being taken across the border.

### DENOUNCE AS TREASON AID TO GEN. VILLA

Washington, Mar. 24.—Senator Lewis introduced a resolution today denouncing all Mexican aid to Francisco Villa as treason. He asked that those helping Villa be prosecuted as traitors.

## FRENCH NEAR VERDUN IN DANGER

### Army of the Crown Prince Has Forced the Battle, and Report From Berlin Is That Allies' Position Precarious

London, Mar. 24.—Germans have resumed their attacks northwest of Verdun, according to Paris dispatches today. Following a lull lasting all day, the Teutons started hurling shells at French trenches south of Malancourt and "Dead Man's" hill. French guns replied.

Paris believes the decisive action in that section has begun. Germans are battering the French in Avocourt wood. The crown prince has succeeded in bending the French front until it forms a dangerous loop.

Berlin messages asserted the French position was precarious.

Berlin, Mar. 24.—Advancing to force evacuation of French positions northwest of Verdun, Germans captured two more trenches in the Hautcourt region, it was officially announced today.

Violent Russian attacks all day yesterday and during the night southeast of Riga, near Dyvinsk, were broken down by German fire.

The Germans smashed forward south of Malancourt against the southwestern side of the French salient, imperilling Malancourt and Bethincourt positions, and capturing 880 prisoners, the war office asserted. Artillery duels were fought during the night in the Champagne and Argonne districts and west of the Meuse river.

### ARIZONA TO RECRUIT MILITIA TO FULL STRENGTH

Phoenix, Ariz., Mar. 24.—Recruiting offices were opened at Phoenix, Yuma, Bisbee and Tucson today, in compliance with Governor Hunt's orders to bring the national guard up to its full strength.

Governor Hunt fears that the large Mexican population of Arizona may be incited to rioting and attacks on the American population.

## GATHER EVIDENCE IN MURDER CASE

New York, Mar. 24.—District Attorney Swann asserted today he had forged the link in the chain allegedly connecting Dr. Arthur Warren Waite with the deaths of his father-in-law, John E. Pack, of Grand Rapids, and his mother-in-law. Both of them died in Dr. Waite's Riverside Drive apartment, leaving large estates.

The district attorney claimed he had located the place where, it is charged, Waite obtained arsenic two weeks ago. Peck died March 12. Swann thinks the inference is obvious.

Swann's theory of motive was that Dr. Waite needed ready cash. He alleged the doctor was living lavishly, although he had no visible means of support.

A book dealing with poisons was found by Swann in the accused physician's apartment. No trace of arsenic, however, has been discovered there.

Swann changed his plans suddenly and decided not to move Dr. Waite from his luxurious apartment to a cell in the Tombs today.

## REPORT GERMAN SUBMARINES IN PACIFIC OCEAN

San Francisco, Mar. 24.—A report that German submarines had been seen in the Pacific was brought here today by passengers on the liner Moana, which arrived from Sydney, Australia.

They said two submarines and what looked like a German commerce raider had been seen. British authorities are said to believe the submarines were about to operate from a secret base in the Fiji Islands. The Moana reached San Francisco one day late on account of having made a detour around the supposed submarine zone.

### DISMANTLE 25 PRIVATE WIRELESS STATIONS

San Antonio, Mar. 24.—Twenty-five small wireless stations near here have been dismantled by the government today. If amateur operators interfere with General Pershing's wireless communications, the orders are to immediately dismantle the offending equipments.

### UNCLE SAM GETS REPLY FROM ALLIES

Washington, Mar. 24.—The allies' joint reply to the state department's proposal that merchant ships be dismantled was received today. It is understood on the highest authority that the proposition was not accepted. The reply, it is said, states that the present situation and conditions of naval warfare would not warrant the suggestion of peaceful trading vessels to the risks which might follow disarmament.

## MEXICAN MUNITIONS IN AMERICAN CITY

Washington, Mar. 24.—Mexicans have 40 cannon and 3,000 cavalrymen very close to the center of Douglas, Ariz., according to a telegram received by Senator Ashurst today from D. A. Richards, an attorney of that city.

"The Mexican general has 40 pieces of artillery and 3,000 cavalry stationed ten blocks from the center of Douglas," said the message. "He has 7,000 cavalry stationed six miles south of Douglas. We have only 1,800 infantry, 300 cavalry and four pieces of artillery. Our troops are stationed two miles east of Douglas. I am reliably informed it would require only an hour for them to reach Douglas in case of attack."

"Our army has been forbidden by the administration to make any active defense preparations for fear the Mexicans might misconstrue them. The Mexicans are entrenched against the United States side. They have barbed wire entanglements in place. We have no entrenchments. The Mexicans could easily repeat the Columbus massacre here on a much larger scale, and return to Mexico with a smaller loss. These statements may be verified by our army officers here. Help us if you can—before it is too late."

### REPORT HEAVY FIRING FROM ENGLISH CHANNEL

Amsterdam, Mar. 24.—Flushing correspondents of Amsterdam newspapers reported sounds of heavy firing in the English channel today. The noise seemed to come from the directions of Ostend and Westend.

### VANCOUVER TROOPS OFF FOR THE BORDER

Washington, Mar. 24.—A battalion of the Twenty-first infantry was ordered from Vancouver, Wash., to El Centro, Cal., today, in compliance with General Bell's request.

## CARRANZA HAS VILLA AT BAY

### Bandit Leader Said to Be Surrounded by de Facto Soldiers on Five Sides Few Miles Southeast Namiquipa

Douglas, Ariz., Mar. 24.—"Villa is hemmed in on all sides by five columns of Carranzista troops a few miles southeast of Namiquipa," a telegram from General Gavira, de facto commander at Juarez, to General Calles, at Agua Prieta, stated today. The de facto troops surrounding Villa were distributed as follows:

Colonel Canoway, at Las Cruces; Colonel Salas, at Babicora; Colonel Hernandez, at Tepic; General Garza, at Santa Clara, and General Cavazos, at Temosachic, Gavira said.

United States army officers stated that there need be no fear of an attack from across the line here. Few citizens here are alarmed. It is conceded by many, however, that preparations for defense should be made.

El Paso, Mar. 24.—Francisco Villa is reported surrounded. He may be engaged in battle by American forces today.

According to a message from Colonel Bertani, Carranzistas routed Villa east of Namiquipa, and the bandit chief was there enveloped by Bertani's troops and the Americans under General Pershing.

Consul Garcia made public Bertani's report, stating that it was impossible for Villa to escape the trap, and that his capture was imminently expected.

Villa will fight to the death to avoid capture, it is believed here. Garcia said the bandit might try to escape during the night.

In his report Bertani said Villa retreated toward El Oso, five miles south of Namiquipa, after a fight in which he lost several killed and 100 horses. The Americans co-operating with the Carranzistas against Villa are believed to be either Colonel Dodd's or General Pershing's men who were southward from Casas Grandes in troops trains over the Mexico Northwestern railroad.

Jose Flores, arriving at El Paso, declared Villa boarded a railroad train near Montemorelos and stalked through the cars, declaring he would kill all Americans aboard. No Americans were found. Villa also informed the passengers that General Luis Herrera had joined him.

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## ENDORSE HOME RULE IN TAXATION

Sacramento, Mar. 25.—Resolutions urging home rule in taxation and the adoption of a new political policy were endorsed by the State Building Trades council here today. A small minority was against the adoption of a new political policy, urging that a party should be formed to support union labor.

Home rule is designed to place the power of fixing the taxes in counties. This is regarded as the first step toward single tax, which is supported by a large number in the ranks of organized labor.

The new policy allows local unions full authority in political matters relating to the county, and state council full authority in matters relating to state political matters. The delegates pledged themselves to support the new policy.